

## SENATE RESOLUTION 3

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Smoky Mountain Elementary School's principal, student body, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's 50th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Smoky Mountain Elementary School is most assuredly one such noteworthy institution, and over the past fifty years, Smoky Mountain Elementary School has produced outstanding individuals who have excelled in all walks of life, remaining a pillar of educational excellence since 1956; and

WHEREAS, formed by the consolidation of MacMillan, Catron's Grove, Browns, Barnes Valley, Webbs Springs, Liberty, and Bluffton Schools, Smoky Mountain Elementary School opened with seven teachers and approximately 300 students; today, the school serves approximately 190 students from kindergarten through the eighth grade; and

WHEREAS, Smoky Mountain Elementary School is located on a campus of approximately seven acres, consisting of the original 1956 building, which contains eight classrooms, an administrative office, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, and two portable units, which were added in the spring of 1967 to house Title I and the library; in addition to these buildings, the school campus includes a softball/baseball field and a playground; and

WHEREAS, at all grade levels, Smoky Mountain School offers a strong curriculum in language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science taught by its full time faculty; and

WHEREAS, technology is an important tool in the educational program, and the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades have "twenty-first century" classrooms; Smoky Mountain School

was the first school in the Cocke County School System with Internet connectivity and the first in the County to offer multi-media computer technology to students and staff; and

WHEREAS, Smoky Mountain Elementary School's golden anniversary was celebrated on December 19, 2006, in the school's gymnasium; the gala event featured special music performed by the school's Advanced Band, which was directed by Kathy Sotello, and carols were sung by different classes; and

WHEREAS, the school's 7th-graders researched the history of Smoky Mountain Elementary School and presented a program detailing their findings; and

WHEREAS, Smoky Mountain Elementary School Principal Patty Davis welcomed the school's many enthusiastic supporters, which included former faculty, staff, administrators, and graduates, who turned out to celebrate this special occasion; and

WHEREAS, Smoky Mountain Elementary School has provided and continues to provide a quality education to some of Tennessee's finest and most capable young people; those who have gone on to become leaders in their communities and those who have achieved success in many diverse areas of life serve as testament to its educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, through the steadfast support of the community and faithful parental involvement, Smoky Mountain Elementary School continues to be a bastion of excellence in academics and in life, molding young minds into the scholars and leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Smoky Mountain Elementary School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Smoky Mountain Elementary School's principal, student body, parents, alumni, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and wish them all the best in their future endeavors

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.